

WHAT IS EARLY INTERVENTION?

Early Intervention is a voluntary, family-centered program that provides early identification, services, and supports to eligible infants and toddlers and their families. Early Intervention works with families whose children are experiencing developmental delays, have certain diagnosed conditions, or whose circumstances may result in significant developmental delays. The purpose of Early Intervention is to enable young children to be active and successful participants during the early years and in the future in a variety of settings- in their homes with their families, in child care, in preschool programs, and in the community.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN EARLY INTERVENTION



- Early Childhood Education
- Early Childhood Special Education (Blind/Partial Sight, Deaf/Hard of Hearing, etc.)
- Nursing
- Nutrition
- Occupational Therapy (and Assistants)
- Physical Therapy (and Assistants)
- Psychology
- School Psychology
- Social Work
- Speech and Language Pathology (and Assistants)
- Family Therapy



HOW CAN YOU START WORKING TOWARD A CAREER IN EARLY INTERVENTION?

Initial steps for full or part time students:

Early Intervention Internship opportunities are available for students. For help in setting up your internship, please contact the Early Intervention Recruitment and Retention Office at 401-874-4036. We will be able to assist you arranging an internship with a certified EI site.

Internship opportunities are available for varying numbers of hours and credits. Hours are determined by the student's program of study as defined in his/her course requirements.

For example:

* Field II students at CCRI may complete approximately 75-90 hours per semester and attend a 1-2 hour seminar each week to earn 3 credits

* Students in the Human Development and Family Studies Department at URI may need to complete approximately 230 hours per semester along with a weekly seminar in order to earn 6 credits.

Credits earned per internship hours are to be determined by your institution's internship program.

The Federal government, seeing an increasing need for professionals in this field, has developed a special Financial Aid package for students concentrating in Early Intervention. For more information on the Federal Loan Forgiveness Program, please visit their website:

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/cancelperk.jsp?tab=repaying>



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<http://www.uri.edu/frp/ei.htm>

RHODE ISLAND EARLY INTERVENTION SITES

Children's Friend & Service

621 Dexter Street
Central Falls, RI 02863
401-721-9200
www.cfsri.org

Easter Seals, RI

5 Woodruff Avenue
Narragansett, RI 02882
401-284-1000
www.eastersealsri.com



Family Resources Community Action

245 Main Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895
401-766-0900
www.famresri.org

Family Service

134 Thurbers Avenue
Providence, RI 02905
401- 331-1350
www.familyserviceri.org

Hasbro Children's Hospital

593 Eddy Street
Providence, RI 02903
401- 444-3201
www.lifespan.org/hch

The Homestead Group

1 Cumberland Hill Plaza,
3rd floor
Woonsocket, RI 02895
401-775-1500
www.arcofnri.org

James L. Maher Center

120 Hillside Avenue
Newport, RI 02840
401-848-2660
www.mahercenter.org

J. Arthur Trudeau Memorial Center

250 Commonwealth Ave
Warwick, RI 02886
401-823-1731
140 Point Judith Road
Unit 44

Narragansett, RI 02882
401-783-6853

www.kentcountycarc.net

Looking Upwards, Inc

438 East Main Road
Middletown, RI 02842
401-847-0960
www.lookingupwards.org

Meeting Street

1000 Eddy Street
Providence, RI 02905
401-533-9100
www.meetingstreet.org

How to make a difference in the life of a child and a family!



WHAT SKILLS WILL YOU LEARN IN AN EARLY INTERVENTION INTERNSHIP?

- Collaborative team approach
- Knowledge of Early Intervention disciplines
- Successful strategies to work one-on-one with children and their families
- Methods to deliver services in a variety of home-based and community environments

WHAT DO EI PROFESSIONALS DO?

Depending on your discipline and experience, EI professionals can offer the following services:

- Provide support, resources, and coaching to children and their families, in their homes.
- Offer speech, language and hearing services
- Provide appropriate health services such as nursing, occupational therapy, or physical therapy
- Assist with nutrition and medical services
- Schedule, coordinate, and facilitate meetings with families and specialists.

For more information about Early Intervention in Rhode Island please visit the EI website:

http://www.dhs.state.ri.us/dhs/famchild/early_intervention.htm

EARLY INTERVENTION RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION INTERNSHIPS

Early Intervention Recruitment and Retention activities are conducted through the Human Development and Family Studies Department at the University of Rhode Island. This project offers internship opportunities to students interested in pursuing a career in Early Intervention. The project is funded by the Rhode Island Department of Human Services, through the Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities, at Rhode Island College.



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<http://www.sherlockcenter.org>

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